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Response to August 10, 2006 Final OA

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REMARKS

This response places the above-referenced patent application in better condition for allowance, and therefore is a proper response after Final pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 5-7 are canceled.

Claims 20-25 are allowed.

Claims 17-19 are amended to correct typographical errors.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for lacking antecedent basis. Claim 8 is amended to depend from newly amended independent claim 1 which provides a proper antecedent basis (and claim 8 is amended as interpreted by the Examiner for examination purposes). Accordingly, the rejection is rendered moot.

Claims 7-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 7 and the limitations of intervening claims, and therefore, independent claim 1 is in allowable form.

Dependent claims 3-4 and 8-19 depend from allowable independent claim 1, and therefore, claims 3-4 and 8-19 are in allowable form.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

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